

Where to Dispose/Recycle Common Household Items

Item Description

Alternatives to Trash/Dumpster

Aerosol cans: empty	■ ●		
Aerosol cans: partial - full	● ● ●		Call West U Public Works for voucher* (713) 662-5839
Aluminum cans, pans and foil, scrap	■ ●		
Antifreeze	●		
Athletic shoes			Luke's Locker, 1953 W. Gray, (713) 529-0786
Batteries: car, boat, motorized vehicles	●		
Batteries: all kinds (including alkaline)			Batteries Plus, 3909 Richmond Ave., (713) 355-7587
Building materials (suitable for reuse)			City of Houston Reuse Warehouse, 9300 N. Main, (281) 814-3324 (check for hours)
Cardboard	■ ●		
Cartons (milk, juice, broth, wine, aseptic)	■ ●		
Caustic liquids: cleaners solvents, pool chemicals		●	Call West U Public Works for voucher* (713) 662-5839
Cell phones			GREENspot DROPoff (Amazing Spaces Storage, 2412 W. Holcombe, (713) 669-1810)
Christmas trees	●		WUP Trash Pickup (generally Dec. 26. – Jan. 15), Please remove stand and decorations
Computers, monitors, etc.			GREENspot DROPoff (Amazing Spaces Storage, 2412 W. Holcombe, (713) 669-1810)
Cooking oil		●	Call West U Public Works for voucher* (713) 662-5839
Corks			Specs, 3902 Bissonnet or 2314 W. Holcombe
Electronics, anything electrical (Christmas tree lights to TVs)**			GREENspot DROPoff (Amazing Spaces Storage, 2412 W. Holcombe, (713) 669-1810)
Eye glasses			Pearle Vision, 3031 Kirby, (713) 942-7733
Flammable liquids		●	Call West U Public Works for voucher* (713) 662-5839
Fluorescent bulbs (as well as halogen bulbs)	●		Lowe's Home Improvement, Batteries Plus
Glass containers (any color)	■ ●		Remove tops and recycle
Hangers (metal)	●		Many local dry cleaners
Herbicides		●	Call West U Public Works for voucher* (713) 662-5839
Inkjet cartridges and toner cartridges			Contact your local office supply company, Cartridge World, 4036 Bellaire Blvd.
Insecticides		●	Call West U Public Works for voucher* (713) 662-5839
Mattresses			Houston Furniture Bank, (713) 842-9771
Metal, scrap (curbside must fit in blue bin)	■		
Metal lids and tops	■ ●		
Motor oil and oil filters	●		
Packing materials (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)			Local pack and ship stores (UPS, FedEx, etc.)
Paint: latex	●		
Paint: oil based		●	Call West U Public Works for voucher* (713) 662-5839
Paper (news, junk mail, catalogs, phone books, shredded, etc.)	■ ●		Shredded paper needs to be enclosed in a paper bag
Paper board (food boxes, packaging)	■ ●		
Pharmaceuticals			DO NOT FLUSH. Do not mix with garbage/kitty litter
Plastic bags (grocery, newspaper sleeves, cleaner bags)	●		Local grocery stores (HEB, Randalls, Kroger, etc.)
Plastic containers, bottles, tops and lids (#1-5 and 7)	■ ●		No #6, Keep lids on containers
Plastic plant containers	■		Lowe's Home Improvement, Arboretum
Plastic-rigid	■		
Propane tanks		●	Call West U Public Works for voucher* (713) 662-5839
Styrofoam blocks (including clean food service items)	●		Local pack and ship stores (UPS, FedEx, etc.)
Styrofoam peanuts & bubble wrap			Local pack and ship stores (UPS, FedEx, etc.)
Textiles (clothes, shoes, linens and toys to stuffed animals, pillows)			ATRS Donation Box 1(800)-900-9308
Tires (automobile max. 5)	●		
Useful household items and clothing (drop off)			Goodwill Donation Centers, 2428 W. Holcombe and 5213 Kirby
Useful household items and clothing (pick up)			Salvation Army, Purple Heart, other charities
Yard waste			Backyard composting and grasscycling or trash

■ Curbside: City of West University Place

● Westpark Recycling Center

City of Houston Facility
www.houston.tx.gov/solidwaste/westpark.html

Mon-Sat 8 AM – 5 PM
5900 Westpark, (713) 668-9551

Items must be sorted prior to drop off

● Environmental Service Center (ESC – South)

City of Houston
www.houston.tx.gov/solidwaste/esc-south.html

Tuesday and Wed 9 AM – 3 PM
2nd Sat of Month 9 AM – 1 PM
11500 South Post Oak Rd.
Houston, TX 77035, (713) 551-7355

■ Heavy Trash/ Recycling Day:
Typically the last Saturday in April and October

* See page 2 for information about vouchers
** No large appliances



What to recycle something
not on the list? Use Earth 911
Recycle Search and Guides



What to do with it?

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.



Household Hazardous Waste

What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

HHW can be found in many locations throughout your home:

In the Garage: *paint, motor oil, fertilizer, antifreeze, pesticides, and pool chemicals.*

In the House: *cleaning chemicals, pet supplies (flea/tick sprays, collars or shampoos), insect sprays and baits, and mercury thermometers.*

In the Bathroom: *tub and tile cleaners, hydrogen peroxide, isopropyl alcohol, nail polish and remover*

The average household generates 15 lbs. of HHW annually. To identify HHW look for these warning words on products: toxic, warning, poison, flammable, corrosive, combustible, danger, irritant, and caution. (taken from Get the Power Over Household Chemical by the Houston-Galveston Area Council)

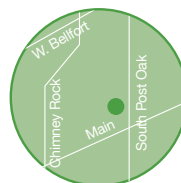
What are your options for disposing of HHW safely?

If HHW is disposed of improperly it can contaminate the area where it was disposed, such as, if you dump it out on the ground in your yard and even the landfill. Ultimately the chemicals can contaminate the groundwater and surface water which leads to higher cost to treat and clean the water but in most cases the damage done to the ecosystem can take years and sometimes decades to heal.

Residents currently have three options available to dispose of HHW properly.

Option 1: West U's HHW Voucher Program – The City offers a voucher for West U residents to dispose of residential HHW at the City of Houston facilities. The vouchers are issued on a first come first serve basis. The City pays a fee of \$75 for each voucher and there is a limit of 100 pounds per visit. The cost of the voucher is paid from the monthly solid waste fees collected by the City.

For more information on West U's HHW Voucher Program please visit www.westutx.gov/hhwvoucher, call the Public Works Department at 713-662-5839, or use the QR code to access more information.



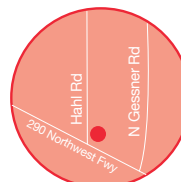
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Option 2: Harris County HHW Facility – The County operates a HHW facility that is open to all West U residents at no additional cost and does not require a voucher. This facility is funded through your property taxes paid to the County. For a complete list of items taken at this facility, please visit the website listed on the right, or use the QR code to access more information.



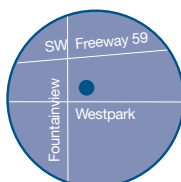
Household Hazardous Waste

Harris County Facility
www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw_home.html

Wed 9 AM – 3 PM
2nd Sat of Month 9 AM – 2 PM
6900 Hahl Road, Houston, TX 77040
(281) 560-6200



Option 3: City of Houston Westpark Recycling Center – this facility will accept certain HHW items, as well as, other items that can be recycled. Please see the other side or visit their website for a complete listing of items accepted at this facility, or use the QR code to access more information. West U residents are not required to have a voucher to use this facility.



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